

California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICES & REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 402nd Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association, Los Angeles, October 17, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman in Conference Room No. 1 of the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, October 17, 1953.

Roll Call:

Present were President Green, President-elect Morrison, Secretary Daniels, Speaker Charnock, Vice-Speaker Bailey and Councilors West, Sampson, Dau, Shipman, Lum, Bostick, Teall, Varden, Carey, Kirchner and Reynolds.

Absent for cause, Editor Wilbur and Councilors Wheeler, Loos, Pearman, Ray, Heron and Frees.

A quorum present and acting.

Also present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Gillette and Pettis of C.M.A. staff, legal counsel Hassard, Ben H. Read of the Public Health League of California, associate legal counsel Louis M. Welsh, county executive secretaries Waterson, Foster, Thompson, Wood and Donovan, K. L. Hamman of California Physicians' Service, Dr. Malcolm Merrill, Assistant State Director of Public Health, and Drs. Francis J. Cox, Henry A. Randel and Eugene M. Hoffman.

1. Minutes for Approval:

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 401st Council meeting, held July 25, 1953, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of October 14, 1953, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, 116 members who had become delinquent and had since paid their current dues were voted reinstatement.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, three applicants were voted Retired Membership. These were Frank R. Missner of Alameda-Contra Costa and M. H. Ross and Homer Walker of Los Angeles.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 13 applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were H. H. Appeldorn, Jr., Juan A. Arcellana, E. George Beer, Wesley Fry, Harry J. Misch, Richard S. Silvis, and Harry G. Smith, Alameda-Contra Costa; H. M. F. Behnemann, Riverside; F. L. Eldridge, Lincoln F. Putnam, and Gilbert A. Webb, San Francisco; Kathleen Mahoney, Sonoma; John M. Pope, Ventura.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 13 members were voted a reduction of dues because of postgraduate study or protracted illness.

(f) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to recommend to the House of Delegates the election of Dr. William H. Geistweit, Jr., of San Diego to Honorary Membership because of his 28 years of devoted service as secretary of the San Diego County Medical Society.

JOHN W. GREEN, M.D. President
ARLO A. MORRISON, M.D. President-Elect
DONALD A. CHARNOCK, M.D. Speaker
WILBUR BAILEY, M.D. Vice-Speaker
SIDNEY J. SHIPMAN, M.D. Council Chairman
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(g) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize the acceptance of Affiliate Memberships on the basis of a fiscal year starting July 1.

(h) Report was made on a disciplinary hearing in Los Angeles County which resulted in the expulsion of a member. The member has appealed the decision to the Council.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint President-elect Morrison as a conciliation committee of one to attempt a reconciliation.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to set the date for the hearing of the appeal as December 11, 1953, in San Francisco, with authority granted the chairman to defer the appeal if that time and place were not suitable for the appellant.

3. *Financial:*

(a) A report of bank balances as of October 14, 1953, was received and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to make available to the Committee on the Unlawful Practice of Medicine the funds accumulated in the Herzstein Bequest Fund.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, and by a three-fourths vote, it was voted to continue the \$1,000 annual subscription to the California State Chamber of Commerce.

4. *Legal Department:*

(a) Mr. Hassard reported on the status of the litigation between Complete Service Bureau and the San Diego County Medical Society. The judgment of the appeals court was appealed for rehearing by Complete Service Bureau and the rehearing denied. An appeal is now planned by Complete Service Bureau to the State Supreme Court.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Hassard was authorized to enter the Association as amicus curiae in a Los Angeles lawsuit involving the payment of county funds to medical schools in return for services performed in staffing county institutions.

(c) Mr. Hassard reported on an opinion he had written a member relative to the offering of a prepayment medical care service.

5. *State Department of Public Health:*

Dr. Malcolm Merrill reported that the incidence of poliomyelitis in California is higher than in the past two years but that the percentage of paralytic cases has dropped from 71 to 50. Contacts of 2,379 cases have received inoculations of gamma globulin. No mass inoculations have been made in California.

Dr. Merrill also reported briefly on encephalitis and stated that departmental studies are now under way to determine the utilization of maternity beds in hospitals, with a view toward achieving a greater

utilization of these beds for other cases and thus decreasing the estimated total beds needed in a community.

6. *Disability Insurance:*

Councilor Kirchner, chairman of the special insurance committee on group accident health and insurance, introduced Mr. Ted Templin of Charles O. Finley & Co., brokers under the program. Mr. Templin reported that more than 2,700 applications had been received to date and that the broker would make every effort to qualify the program with a 50 per cent participation. He also responded to questions raised by members of the Council.

7. *Committee on Industrial Accident Commission:*

Dr. Francis J. Cox, chairman of the Committee on Industrial Accident Commission, reported that progress was being made on establishment of a revised industrial fee schedule.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to express to Dr. Cox the warm commendation of the Council for an outstanding piece of work by his committee.

8. *California Physicians' Service:*

Mr. K. L. Hamman reported that California Physicians' Service has now completed the process of separation from Blue Cross in Southern California. The C.P.S. membership is now about 605,000 and is destined to increase, he said. Mr. Hamman commented on the C.P.S. financial statement and answered questions from the Councilors.

9. *Medical Services Commission:*

Councilor Carey reported that the Medical Services Commission was now using the publication *Rx Reading* to disseminate information. He stated that a set of principles for evaluating health insurance contracts was nearly ready to be sent out for opinions by members of the Association. Dr. Carey also suggested that tape recordings on health insurance and other matters be made available to the county societies.

Councilor Teall reported that the Commission wanted to urge the establishment in each county society of a special committee to study and to gain a better understanding of health insurance. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize the Commission to contact the county societies for this purpose and to bring in its report to the House of Delegates.

10. *Advisory Planning Committee:*

Mr. Hunton reported that the Advisory Planning Committee had voted to recommend to the Council the appointment as a committee member of Mr. George Foster, executive secretary of the Sacramento

Society for Medical Improvement. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Mr. Foster to membership on this committee.

11. *Audio-Digest Tape Recordings:*

A proposal by Mr. Jerry L. Pettis to turn over to the Association the sponsorship and ownership of Audio-Digest, a tape recording procedure, was considered. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to assume the sponsorship of Audio-Digest, the Executive Committee to work out the details so that the matter could be brought before the House of Delegates.

12. *Committee on Relations with Other Professions:*

A letter from Dr. Wayne Pollock, committee chairman, reported on meetings with representatives of the California Osteopathic Association. He asked that legal counsel be authorized to meet with legal counsel of the other association with a view toward setting forth the procedures possible in looking toward a single type of licensure. On motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Hassard was authorized to proceed along these lines.

13. *Solano County Tuberculosis Survey:*

On motion duly made and seconded, the chairman was authorized to appoint members of a joint committee of the Association, the State Department of Public Health and the California Tuberculosis & Health Association, to conduct a survey of tuberculosis needs and treatment in Solano County.

14. *Contract Practice—Imperial County:*

Councilor Varden reported on a situation in Imperial County, where a physician has apparently contracted with an insurance carrier or an insurance agency to provide medical care for Mexican nationals admitted to the county as agricultural workers. Mr. Hassard was requested to investigate.

15. *Annual Session Exhibits:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted not to offer annual session technical exhibit space to applicants in the field of finance.

16. *School Health Conference:*

Secretary Daniels reported on a meeting he had attended on the subject of school health. He recommended that the Association sponsor a School Health Conference. On motion duly made and seconded, this recommendation was adopted.

17. *Committee on Medical Economics:*

Dr. Lum read a report of the Committee on Medical Economics, in which several recommendations were made for Council consideration. It was duly moved, seconded and voted to distribute copies of the report to the Councilors for consideration at the next meeting.

18. *Epilepsy Studies:*

Dr. Charnock reported that the Children's Hospital Society of Los Angeles has instituted some epilepsy studies and opened a diagnostic clinic. The society plans to spread this activity to neighboring counties.

19. *Rural Medical Care:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to lift from the table Resolution No. 7 from the 1953 House of Delegates, relative to securing physicians for rural areas, and to refer it to the Rural Health Committee.

20. *House of Delegates:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize Dr. Charnock to investigate the proposed installation of an electrical roll call board for the House of Delegates and to report back to a later Council meeting.

21. *Civil Defense:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to defray one-half the expenses of one California representative to a nationwide meeting on civil defense to be held in Ohio.

22. *Resolutions in House of Delegates:*

Councilor Teall discussed the possibility of receiving copies of resolutions for the House of Delegates in advance so that any ambiguities or technical errors might be corrected before their presentation. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize Dr. Teall and Mr. Hassard to confer on possible by-law amendments for consideration by the Council.

23. *Psychology:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint a committee to confer with other groups and the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation on the subject of possible legislation relative to the practice of psychology.

24. *1954 Annual Session:*

On motion duly made and seconded, Dr. Lawrence White was appointed chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements for the 1954 Annual Session, Dr. White to select his other committee members.

25. *Time and Place of Next Meeting:*

It was agreed that the next Council meeting would be held in San Francisco on Friday, December 11, 1953.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

SIDNEY J. SHIPMAN, M.D., *Chairman*
ALBERT C. DANIELS, M.D., *Secretary*